



August 22, 2021

Series - Families Seeking Wisdom

Text - Proverbs 3:1-8

Title - God's Wisdom for Discipline

Outline

- 1) The Lord disciplines his children in love
- 2) Therefore we should discipline our children in love

Questions

- We defined discipline as “reproof and correction conducted in love to make us more like Jesus. It aims at forward-looking growth, not backward-looking condemnation.” Do you agree? What's helpful about this definition? Anything you'd add?
- Read Proverbs 3:11. This verse gives us a spectrum of responses to God's discipline, ranging from ignoring him ("despise") to spitting in his face ("be weary of"). How do you tend to respond to discipline?
- Read Proverbs 3:12. God's discipline doesn't just correct bad behavior—it aims to make beloved sons and daughters more like Jesus. For example, Job experienced discipline BECAUSE OF his godly character, and Paul experienced discipline to KEEP HIM FROM pride. How does this affect your understanding of discipline?
- Read Hebrews 12:11-13. Discipline in the family, the church, and your life is a difficult and controversial thing. How does this passage give you a redemptive picture of it?
- Jesus received the rod and still clung to the Father who held it—even unto death. God shattered him, but put the pieces back together—and all for you. How do you need this right now?

Next Sunday's sermon passage - Proverbs 3:13-24